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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to Applicant's RCE filed on 01/30/2009.
2. Claims 1-34 are currently pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Carr et al US 2004/0049401A1.

As per claims 1-5 and 7-34 Carr discloses a method of age verification in connection with retail sales, the method comprising of:

A machine data reader (or machine-readable), the machine data reader associated with a verification component that determines age-related data information at least in part upon encoded data on an identification card read (or data encoded on a driver's license) by the machine data reader, and a component that relays the age-related information to a point-of-sale system in a format that is compatible with the point-of-sale

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system. Applicant's newly added limitation wherein said the machine data reader containing a verification component that decodes the encoded data, extracts the age-related data information, and generates a data string compatible with a point-of-sale is also disclosed by Carr specifically page 3, [0059] (see., abstract, page 2, [0045], page 3, [0059], page 5, [0085], page 8, specification).

Applicant's newly added limitation of comparing the age-related data information to a current date. It is the Examiner's principal position that Carr discloses this limitation in page 3, [0059], specifically wherein said the customer can show the card to a web cam associated with a point-of-sale terminal, the customer also presents a driver's license to demonstrate age. The web cam captures optically-encoded data, and the terminal decodes same.

As per claim 6 Carr discloses the claimed limitation wherein the point-of-sale system comprising a display unit that displays the age-related data (see., page 5, [0085]).

Please note that it is inherent to realize that the machine readable data on the card also includes the age-related data.

5. Claims 1-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Rogers US 2003/0178487 A1.

As per claims 1-34 Rogers discloses a system for vending products and services using consumer identification Id or a driver's license into a point-of-sale terminal, the system comprising:

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A machine data reader, the machine data reader associated with a verification component that determines age-related data information at least in part upon encoded data on an identification card read the machine data reader, and a component that relays the age-related information to a point-of-sale system in a format that is compatible with the point-of-sale system. Applicant's newly added limitation wherein said the machine data reader containing a verification component that decodes the encoded data, extracts the age-related data information, and generates a data string compatible with a point-of-sale is also disclosed by Rogers, specifically paragraph 0005, 0009, 0010, 0012, 0052. As per Applicant's newly added limitation of comparing the age-related data information to a current date. It is the Examiner's principal position that Rogers discloses this limitation in paragraph 0060, 0065, 0473.

RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-34 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 571 272 6706. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00. Hotel.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached on 571 272 6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3621